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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

Pope Francis, the Pillar and Defender of the Catholic Faith, issued a powerful letter expressing sorrow for the decades of sexual abuse by members of the clergy that a recent grand jury report said was often concealed in Pennsylvania by higher ranking members of the church. But Attorney General Josh Shapiro, while thankful to the pope, asked for his support of reforms that could help victims and prevent these crises in the future — like reforming statue of limitations laws for sex abuse victims. Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 SC WOMAN WALKING DOG KILLED BY ALLIGATOR

A 45-year-old woman walking her dog in South Carolina died on Monday after being snatched and dragged underwater by an 8-foot alligator, the county sheriff's office said. A witness called police to report an alligator was attacking a woman at a lagoon on Hilton Head Island, a popular tourist destination, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. Police recovered her body and identified the victim as Cassandra Cline of Hilton Head Island. The alligator believed to be responsible for the attack was captured and killed, said Robert McCullough, a captain for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The dog was not harmed, the authorities said. Alligators typically roll their victim beneath the water's surface until their prey stops breathing, before stashing the body to eat later. Alligator attacks are uncommon in the United States, where the majority of animal-related deaths are caused by farm animals, hornets, wasps, bees and dogs, according to a study published in March. In June, a nearly 13-foot alligator in Florida killed a woman in an attack, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

2 GA VOTING SITE CLOSINGS 'BLATANT SUPPRESSION'

A plan to close most polling places in a predominantly black Georgia county ahead of November's elections is drawing opposition from the state's gubernatorial candidates and voting rights activists, who deem it blatant voter suppression. The two-member local elections board is expected to vote on Friday on a proposal to shutter seven of nine polling sites in rural Randolph County, located in southwest Georgia, where roughly 60 percent of the 7,800 residents are black. The board members have said the voting sites violate federal disabilities law because they are not wheelchair accessible. Both Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee who is seeking to become the first female African-American governor in U.S. history, and Republican candidate Brian Kemp, who is white and serves as Georgia's secretary of state, urged county officials to drop the plan. "Although state law gives localities broad authority in setting precinct boundaries and polling locations, we strongly urged local officials to abandon this effort and focus on preparing for a secure, accessible, and fair election for voters this November," Kemp said in a statement.

3 2018 MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY

Cardi B hits the red carpet at Monday's 2018 MTV Video Music Awards at New York City's Radio City Music Hall.

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4 NO VERDICT FOR THIRD DAY IN MANAFORT TRIAL

The jury in the trial of Paul Manafort left for a third day without a verdict on Monday about whether to convict the former Trump campaign chairman for financial crimes. The case is the first to go to trial stemming from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 U.S. election, although the charges largely predate Manafort's five months working on Donald Trump's successful campaign. Manafort, a veteran Republican operative, faces 18 criminal charges related to bank and tax fraud and failure to disclose overseas bank accounts. A Manafort conviction would undermine efforts by Trump and some Republican lawmakers to paint Mueller's Russia inquiry as a political witch hunt. In a break with convention, Trump weighed in on the trial on Friday, calling the case against Manafort at the federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, "very sad" and lauding his former associate as a "very good person." On Monday, Trump accused Mueller's team of "enjoying ruining people's lives" and trying to influence the midterm elections in November when Republicans will try to hold on to control of Congress.

5 PAUL ALLEN SPACE COMPANY DETAILS ROCKET PLANS

The space company of billionaire Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen on Monday unveiled details of medium-lift rockets and a reusable space cargo plane it is developing, injecting more competition into the lucrative launch services market. With its rockets, Allen's Stratolaunch Systems Corp. is trying to cash in on higher demand in the coming years for vessels that can put satellites into orbit. But his vehicles will have to compete domestically with other space entrepreneurs and industry stalwarts such as Elon Musk's SpaceX and United Launch Alliance — a partnership between Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Seattle-based Stratolaunch, founded by Allen in 2011, said in a news release its launch vehicles will make satellite deployment "as easy as booking an airline flight," though the first rocket launch is not slated until 2020 at the earliest and the massive airplane it is building to deploy the rockets is still in pre-flight testing. Rather than blasting off from a launch pad, Stratolaunch's rockets will drop at high altitude from underneath the company's six-engine, twin-fuselage airplane — the largest ever built by wingspan.

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Trump worries that Mueller interview could be a 'perjury trap'

President Donald Trump said on Monday he was worried that any statements under oath he provides to Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be used to bring perjury charges against him as part of the probe into Russia's electoral interference.

In an interview with Reuters, Trump echoed the concerns of his top lawyer in the probe, Rudy Giuliani, who has warned that any sit-down with Mueller could be a "perjury trap."

The president expressed fears that investigators could compare his statements with that of others who have testified in the probe, such as former FBI Director James Comey, and that any discrepancies could be used against him.

"So if I say something and he [Comey] says something, and it's my word against his, and he's best friends with Mueller, so Mueller might say: 'Well, I believe Comey,' and even if I'm telling the truth, that makes me a liar. That's no good."

Despite his concerns, Trump did not comment on whether he would ultimately agree to an interview with Mueller, who is, among other things, investigating whether Trump's campaign team colluded with Russians during the 2016 election and whether Trump has obstructed justice in the probe.

Trump also declined to say whether he might strip Mueller of his security clearance, as he did last week to former CIA Director John Brennan, who had repeatedly criticized Trump's handling of foreign policy and national security issues.

"I haven't given it a lot of thought," he said.

Russia has denied interfering in the 2016 U.S. election and Trump has denied any collusion took place.

"I'm totally allowed to be involved if I wanted to be."
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As he has done almost daily on Twitter, Trump railed against the probe in the Oval Office interview with Reuters, repeatedly calling it a disgrace and arguing that Mueller and other members of his team were biased.

Trump asserted that he retained the power to intervene in the probe, but that he had chosen not to do so for the moment.

His administration, Trump said, was "a smooth-running machine, except in that world. And I've decided to stay out. Now I don't have to stay out.

"I can go in, and I could do whatever — I could run it if I want. But I decided to stay out," he said. "I'm totally allowed to be involved if I wanted to be. So far, I haven't chosen to be involved. I'll stay out."

In the interview, Trump blamed the investigation for hampering his efforts to strengthen the country's relationship with Russia and for sowing discord among the American public.

He again neglected to blame Russia for interfering in the 2016 election, a conclusion reached by the U.S. intelligence community.

The probe, he said, "played right into the Russians — if it was Russia — they played right into the Russians' hands." REUTERS

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Pope Francis apologizes for Catholic sex abuse revelations

The Pennsylvania Catholic Sex abuse scandal is still making waves worldwide.

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The days since the release of the long-delayed grand jury report issued by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Catholic sex abuse at six dioceses around the state have seen a flood of aftershocks related to revelations about sex abuse by clergy, covered up by other church members.

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AG Josh Shapiro said the pope's letter is an important first step.

"Pope Francis' powerful letter acknowledges the painful truth that had been hiding in the shadows in Churches throughout Pennsylvania and appropriately focuses on the survivors who have suffered for too long," Shapiro said in a statement issued on Monday. "The pope has long been a fighter for the defenseless. As he notes in his letter, actions and sanctions to protect children and hold abusers and those who cover up abuse accountable have been 'delayed.'"

But Shapiro noted that the pope's letter addressing the Catholic sex abuse isn't enough without substantive action to back it up, as the grand jury recommended in its report.

"It is my hope that, following the Holy Father's words and teachings, Church leaders in Pennsylvania will cease their denials and deflections and now fully support the grand jury's recommendations so that survivors have the opportunity to obtain justice and ensure this type of widespread abuse and cover-up never happens again," Shapiro said.

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grand jury recommended multiple changes, such as eliminating the criminal statute of limitations for abuse of children — which currently only allows victims to come forward until the age of 50.

The grand jury said a "civil window" for lawsuits must be created, calling the existing age limits "unacceptable." Current law says victims have 12 years to sue after turning 18, but victims in their 30s or older only have two years to sue. The grand jury said older victims should at least get another two years to sue.

"The sexual abuse of children by some members of the Catholic Church is a terrible tragedy."

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, now Archbishop of Washington

The grand jury said laws should be changed to clarify that anyone has a duty to report abuse "while the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe the abuser is likely to commit additional acts of child abuse."

Additionally, the grand jury said "that the Church has used confidentiality agreements as a way to silence abuse victims from speaking publicly or cooperating with law enforcement," according to the AG's office. They proposed a new statute that would clarify no "Civil Confidentiality Agreements" would prevent a victim from talking to police.

It remains to be seen if Pennsylvania legislators will take up these causes.

Meanwhile, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, now Archbishop of Washington, who was named in the grand jury report as allowing alleged Catholic sex abuse predators to continue serving in the ministry while serving as bishop of Pittsburgh, where an alleged 99 predators were identified, defended his reputation after the report came out.

"As I have made clear throughout my more than 30 years as a bishop, the sexual abuse of children by some members of the Catholic Church is a terrible tragedy, and the Church can never express enough our deep sorrow and contrition for the abuse, and for the failure to respond promptly and completely," Wuerl said. "While I understand this Report may be critical of some of my actions, I believe the report confirms that I acted with diligence, with concern for the victims and to prevent future acts of abuse."

Shapiro said that was false.

"Cardinal Wuerl is not telling the truth," Shapiro told CNN. "Many of his statements in response to the Grand Jury Report are directly contradicted by the Church's own documents and records from their Secret Archives. Offering misleading statements now only furthers the cover-up. ... [Wuerl] should heed the words of Pope Francis who validated our work in Pennsylvania and support the recommendations of the grand jury."

Since the grand jury report was released on Aug. 14, the AG's office's new hotline for clergy sex abuse complaints (888-538-8541) has reportedly received at least 300 calls

"Calls are surging to our special Clergy Abuse Hotline since the Grand Jury Report was released Tuesday," Shapiro said on Twitter. "We have trained, dedicated Agents on the line to listen to survivors and help. This is an active and ongoing investigation."

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Philly creatives of color getting their due

Black Philly artists picture a more prominent future during annual portrait at the Art Museum.

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Visual artist Uncool Chuck's vision for a simple way to bring Philly's brightest artistic talents and creatives together has evolved from a novel idea into one of the most poignant moments for Philly creatives of color in recent history.

With a concept inspired by legendary photographer Gordon Parks' "A Great Day in Harlem" photo, Chuck (real name Chuck Lloyd) said his goal was to emulate Parks' photo featuring jazz legends in front of a Harlem brownstone—but with a modern Philly twist: posing the group on the Art Museum Steps. It's an event Chuck has organized three times since 2014.

In a major American city that is almost 50 percent black, Chuck is mindful of how uncommon it is for black and other creatives of color to get their just due for their work and contributions to the local cultural landscape. "It's a majority of back people [at this shoot] but it's really something that represents the [entire] artist community and the youth. I don't think we get acknowledged the way we should in regard to how much we contribute to art and culture," Chuck said.

"We've got so many young, super-talented people here that fly under the radar because they aren't [popular] on social media or in magazines but they're still putting in work and they're helping build what we call culture in the city," he added. "This is something to highlight them in our own city and potentially to the world and whoever else in watching."

Philly creatives of color pose on the Art Museum steps for the 3rd annual portrait organized by Uncool Chuck (bottom center right in red wrap) on Sunday.
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Writer and web designer Samirah Marshall is appreciative of Chuck's efforts to bring the local creative community together. A young woman with Bantu knots and vintage frames, Marshall is proud to share how much being in this photo means to her. "This picture is a symbol that you really are working hard, and people see you. Knowing that someone that has been working for so long recognizes your talent makes me want to cry," she said.

Coincidentally, a black architect designed the same steps Uncool Chuck and his creative peers of color assembled on. When Julian Abele designed the Art Museum steps more than 100 years ago, he helped lay the groundwork for later generations of black creatives to celebrate their triumphs.

While the placement of the photo shoot at the Art Museum's steps was not intentional, the

juxtaposition of black creatives at the footsteps of a mostly white establishment sends a message of resilience. Black artists have not been historically celebrated as much as their white peers, so this photo speaks to the optimism that the future will see more black and nonwhite creatives receiving an equal level of praise.

Beyond a beautiful photo shoot, Chuck wants the same relationships and connections made before and after this photo to last long after people leave the Art Museum steps. "As long as people leave

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Samirah Marshall

feel inspiration and are inspired to continue to create and represent the city and themselves, that's all I can really ask for," he said.

In attendance at Uncool Chuck's portrait event were three Philly creatives that you should be following.

Samirah Marshall is the CEO and editor-in-chief of Devaughn Digital, and a writer behind Umber and Ruumble, two platforms that focus on everything from wellness and lifestyle stories to analyzing and discussing anime, music and entertainment from the vantage point of a self-proclaimed "Black nerd."

Music engineer Ben "iamBNJMIIN" Thomas is a recent Temple University graduate and has already worked with musicians like Jazmine Sullivan and Bryson Tiller and has had work appear in HBO's hit show *Insecure*.

Temple University alumna Dyymond Whipper-Young is a painter and visual artist from Baltimore that has quickly become popular for her savvy skill in creating mixed media artwork.

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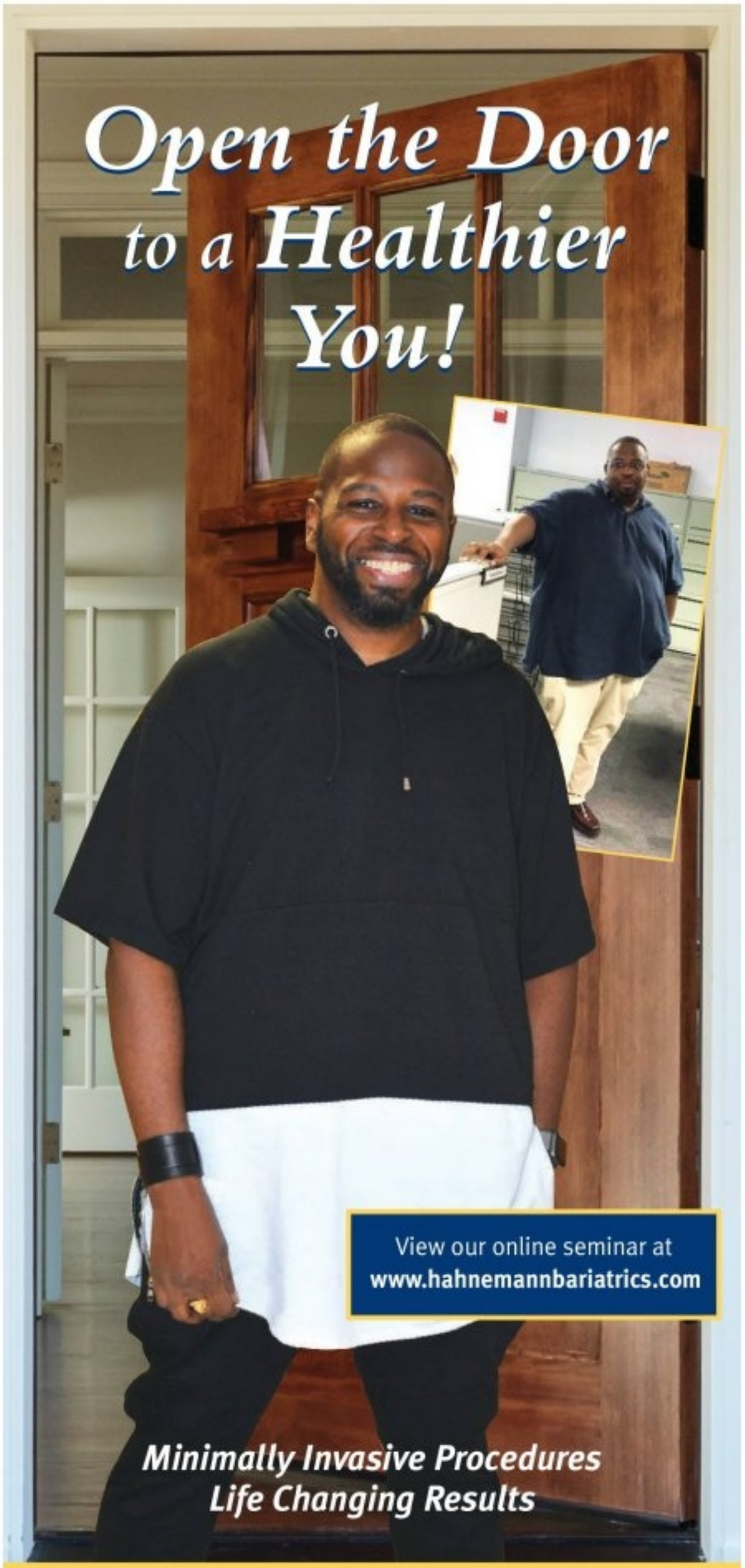

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#MeToo advocate Argento accused of sexual assault by actor/singer, settled complaint for $380K

Asia Argento allegedly paid Jimmy Bennett $380,000 over intent to sue shortly after she came forward about Harvey Weinstein.

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Asia Argento was one of the first women to speak up about sexual assault claims against Harvey Weinstein, becoming a leading face of the #MeToo movement.

But now The New York Times reported on Sunday that, in the months after the Weinstein story broke, the actress and advocate arranged to pay child star Jimmy Bennett $380,000 over alleged sexual assault claims linked to an encounter in 2013.

According to documents obtained by the Times, Bennett, now 22, was 7 when he played Argento's son in the 2004 film "The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things." The documents say that the two maintained a mother-son relationship of sorts as he grew up. In 2013, they reunited in a California hotel where Argento was staying.

Argento, 37 at the time, allegedly gave him alcohol and showed him notes she'd written to him on hotel stationery. As the Times describes, based on the documents they received through an encrypted email: "Then she kissed him, pushed him back on the bed, removed his pants and performed oral sex. She climbed on top of him and the two had intercourse, the document says. She then asked him to take a number of photos."

Bennett had just turned 17. The age of consent in California is 18.

The hotel incident reportedly affected Bennett's mental health and ability to work — he subsequently lost income — claims a November notice of intent to sue that his lawyer, Gordon Sattro, sent Richard Hofstetter. Hofstetter was the attorney of the late Anthony Bourdain (Argento's boyfriend), who was reportedly representing Argento at the time. This came a month after the Weinstein story broke.

Sattro wrote in the notice that Bennett's "feelings about that day were brought to the forefront recently when Ms. Argento took the spotlight as one of the many victims of Harvey Weinstein."

The agreement made between Argento and Bennett doesn't prevent them from discussing the alleged sexual assault, a cording to the Times. Argento's lawyer, Carrie Goldberg, explained in a letter addressed to the actress that Bennett legally can't sue her for his claims and can't post the photos taken during their hotel meet-up either.

Argento, now 42, has yet to release a comment. And what do we know about Bennett?

Bennett was born in Seal Beach, California, and reportedly grew up just south of there in Huntington Beach.

Bennett's family opened up a crepe joint in the area "set in an immersive Rock-N-Roll ambiance," Rockin' Crepes. He began acting at age 6, when he was featured in a commercial for a Dodge Caravan.

As his IMDb page states, he booked roles in a long list of movies growing up, such as "Daddy Day Care," "The Amityville Horror," Evan Almighty" and "Orphan." He also played the young James T. Kirk in the 2009 "Star Trek" film and even appeared in an episode of "Gilmore Girls."

"She climbed on top of him and the two had intercourse."

Bennett's allegations, per the NY Times

Bennett said in a 2010 interview: "It was just something I was always curious about. I had seen so many movies and it came up in a discussion between me and my mom. We went to an agency and they sent us out to a couple of things and I started getting work."

"Hopefully, I can follow in Leonardo DiCaprio's shoes," Bennett said, naming DiCaprio as one of his "favorite actors of all time."

Bennett is also a singer. His song, "Summer Never Ends," is featured on the soundtrack of the 2009 comedy "Shorts." he released his debut single, "Over Again," in 2011.

Through his lawyer, Bennett declined to comment on the alleged claims of sexual assault against Argento, stating that, in the coming days, he will continue to focus on his music.

Fall safety and prevention: How to protect a senior you love

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Slips and falls are among the top sources of injury for seniors. Why is it so dangerous for them?

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Cancer Opportunity will knock if you are open to suggestions. Greater stability will depend on your ability to adapt and to be diverse in the way you use your skills, experience and knowledge.

Leo A change at work shouldn't make you cringe. Look for the best way to make whatever happens work to your advantage. A positive attitude will help you gain ground.

Virgo It's up to you to accept and bring about change. Start by going somewhere you've never been before or participating in something that moves you emotionally. If you network, doors will open.

Libra Attend to unsettled matters that are weighing you down. Deal with controversy and opposition passionately, and don't give up until your voice is heard. You can bring about positive change.

Scorpio You can make a difference without going overboard. Use your imagination and discourage anyone trying to rope you into an impractical situation.

Sagittarius Look for the truth before you say or do anything. Someone will offer a picturesque view of a situation that could alter a decision you must make. Proceed with caution.

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LIFESTYLE

"The Innocents" debuts Aug. 24 on Netflix. NETFLIX

Next big thing: Netflix's 'The Innocents' is a binge-worthy slow burn

The streaming service's latest teen drama delves into the supernatural with a steady pace.

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At first glance, showrunners Hania Elkington and Simon Duric's "The Innocents" looks like yet another supernatural drama about teens meant for a teenage audience. In many ways, this is true, but by the time the first episode comes to a close, viewers of all ages will realize it's so much more.

Teen lovers June (Sorcha Groundsell) and Harry (Percelle Ascott) run away, the former from her mysteriously repressive father, the latter from a life of daily duties that prevent any semblance of a social life. Before they manage to get far, a chance encounter with two strangers bent on abducting June triggers something in her, the ability to transform into anyone she touches.

When the trailer for the series dropped in April, most people were probably caught unawares. Aside from a rather grizzled-looking Guy Pearce's narration and appearance, the story of a British teenager's newfound shapeshifting abilities felt like a complete surprise. Yet considering the pop cultural zeitgeist's fascination with the supernatural and science fiction-oriented stories afforded by superhero movies and comic book adaptations, it makes complete sense.

As Freeform and Hulu's recent success with "Cloak & Dagger" and "Runaways," both Marvel properties, proves, studios and distributors are eager to adapt what's happening in genre, specifically for teenage viewers. Netflix, which has already put out similar shows like "The Rain" and "Kiss Me First," is primed for such a venture. After all, analysts have predicted that the streaming giant will spend a whopping $13 billion on original content this year. So far, so good.

With "The Innocents," however, it seems Netflix has stumbled on something that, unlike its comparative predecessors, actually works. Yes, it's yet another original streaming series that operates more like one long film than a traditional TV show. And yes, it's a slow burn. Yet unlike most streaming series, "The Innocents" doesn't suffocate its audience in story.

Streamers itching for something new to watch will want to check out "The Innocents" when its first season drops Friday. Between Groundsell and Ascott's performances, Pearce's work as the mildly antagonistic scientist Halvorson and the writers' adept use of genre, it definitely won't bore viewers to tears.

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Ahead of Philly show, Patti LaBelle pays respect to Aretha Franklin

The Godmother of Soul performs at the Dell Center on Aug. 23.

Before her Dell Center performance, the Godmother of Soul paid tribute to her "sister in song."

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The passing of Aretha Franklin is an emotional experience for her family, friends, fans, fellow musicians and collaborators, and all who ever heard the Queen of Soul's powerful voice. All will miss her, including Philadelphia's Patti LaBelle, a woman who – as the Godmother of Soul – shared a musical and cultural heritage with Franklin.

Patti LaBelle remembers Aretha Franklin

"I am deeply saddened about the passing of the Queen of Soul and my sister in song, Aretha Franklin," LaBelle said in a statement shared on Twitter. "Today the world has experienced a tremendous loss. Aretha was a rare treasure whose unmatched musical genius helped craft the soundtrack to the lives of so many. My sympathy, love and prayers go out to her family, loved ones and fans around the globe."

Godmother of Soul gets ready for Philly show

LaBelle is booked to play West Philadelphia's Dell Center on Aug. 23, in what promises to be a glorious meeting for the hometown heroine and her passionate fans.

The Godmother of Soul recently told Metro that she has more on her plate now than any time in her five-decades-long career. "And God bless to that," LaBelle said, looking forward to continued blessings as she released her first album in 10 years – "something you'd never expect from Patti" – a smoky jazz recording, Bel Hommage, which is a joint venture between Sony and her own label, GPE Records. "There's plenty of music to come."

A lot more has happened to LaBelle in the last 12 months. Along with getting a second star on Philly's Walk of Fame on Broad Street with LaBelle trio members Sarah Dash and Nona Hendyrx, Miss Patti – as she is affectionately referred to – has introduced the Patti's Good Life line of goodies to her growing

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Patti LaBelle paid tribute to Aretha Franklin with a touching message. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

culinary retail enterprise, she has also acted in several episodes of her old pal, producer-director Lee Daniels' new Star, series on Fox, after having already appeared in his Empire, series.

There are also more cook books to be finished, and additional seasons of her food television programs to be filmed. Plus, LaBelle has kept her promise of more music, first with July's release from Philly pianist, Jamar Jones, entitled Fatherless Child. Fans of LaBelle's 2017 jazz album, Bel Hommage,[tab]have already heard Jamar in action with his boss, as he arranged and played on that recording.

As for any further solo recordings, LaBelle mentioned everything from a dance album to a gospel album and beyond in the next year; an ambitious slate for any artist, let alone one at 73 years old. Luckily and thankfully, in her view, opportunities have blossomed forth and opened up for women, regardless of age.

"It's not so much about hustling. I was always too shy to hustle or be pushy," said LaBelle. "I believe now is a time of greater, more diverse opportunities for woman - and in my case, black women - to do it all and do it all well. I have been doing this now for over 50 years, and it seems as if the older I get, the more comes on my plate."

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The healing powers of cell energy treatment

Swedish cell energy treatment technician Susanne Johansson has been making huge advancements with patients with this innovative treatment.

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Light therapy can improve patients suffering from a whole range of medical conditions, according to a Swedish practitioner in the field of cell energy treatment (CET). The results are deemed so interesting that the technique and the mechanisms behind it may soon be subject to a scientific study by researchers at renowned medical university Karolinska Institute.

Several people who have undergone CET at the hands of Susanne Johansson claim their conditions have improved vastly after just a few sessions in which equipment emitting light pulses is used.

Interestingly, the method seems to alleviate symptoms of several conditions ranging from cancer to ALS. The latter is an incurable disease of the neural system that usually leads to a rapid death, British physicist Stephen Hawking being one of the rare exceptions.

Amongst those who report vast improvements after cell energy treatment is nurse Katharina Borgström, whose son was diagnosed with ALS seven years ago. By chance, she heard of cell energy treatment, discussed it with her son and decided to give it a go. The alternative was medication with side-effects and poor long-term results.

Dr. Susanne Johansson

"After three-and-a-half years, cell energy treatment, he is actually quite well today," says Borgström, who in the 1980s worked as a nurse at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke´s.

Breast cancer patient Marika Khodr, who since November has undergone cell energy treatment, says she is feeling less pain, less fatigue and that one of her lung metastases has disappeared. Several other people who have received CET have told Metro similar stories.

The question is why cell energy treatment seems to work? Is Johansson's theory that the light waves somehow resets or reboots the immune system correct? Does the answer lie in another physiological process? Or is it just a placebo effect?

Researchers have already shown interest in the outcome on cancer patients, after several of them have shown remarkable improvement after CET. Equally interesting is the effect on ALS patients and there are discussions regarding a scientific study that may shed light on how the treatment works.

SPORTS

Eagles fans have been on Cloud 9 for six months. Will it continue? GETTY IMAGES

A PROPOSAL ON NOT BOOING THE EAGLES

THE SPORTS PROFESSOR

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Allow me, if you will, to offer a proposal you'll probably snicker at. Or maybe even ridicule. But before you scoff, hear me out.

The NFL champion Eagles have earned a year without booing. Fresh off giving our city the greatest season in every fan's memory, the Super Bowl heroes deserve to go through 2018 without heckling, griping or demands for the coach's head.

That means no catcalls if Nick Foles (or Carson Wentz) throws a pick-six in the opener against Atlanta. It means no dialing WIP to deride Doug Pederson as a fluke if some trick play backfires. It means you must forever remember Jason Kelce's brilliant Mummers-clad oration, even if the center allows a sack or two.

For now, this seems an easy task. The Eagles' Feb. 4 win over the Pats was our town's equivalent of popping a champagne cork after shaking up the bottle for 57 years. We're all still in the afterglow, and nothing can spoil the mood – not even uncertainty over when we will see Wentz on the field.

We've enjoyed a six-month love affair with the underdog Super Bowl winners and, hey, who says romance can't last forever?

But I've been down this road before. Back in 2009, I similarly proposed a one-year moratorium on jeering following the Phillies World Series win. Callers to our radio show took the pledge.

Then came Opening Day. Cole Hamels, MVP of that '08 Series, gave up seven runs to the Colorado Rockies at Citizens Bank Park and departed in the fourth inning to a cascade of scorn. The "Ban the Boo" campaign lasted exactly 80 minutes.

Now, I'm optimistic that the Eagles can repeat in 2018, or at least dominate a weak NFC East. Barring calamity, the playoffs seem a certainly – just as they were, by the way, for those 2009 Phillies.

But taking the long view has never been our fan base's way – with the notable exception of Sixers' Process believers. Even after last Thursday's meaningless loss to the Pats, there were assorted grumbles that last season's magic might be eroding.

That's inane, of course, and, hopefully, an opinion currently held by just a handful of Philly Phatalists. But given the number of Eagles players nursing injuries, there's a decent chance this franchise will start the season down a few good men.

Even as fans cheer the unfurling of the championship banner on Thursday, Sept. 6, it's not inconceivable they'll also see their heroes lose a revenge match to the Falcons.

If that happens, don't despair. The Birds' next three games are against Tampa Bay, Indianapolis and Tennessee – who finished a combined 18-30 in 2017. Even if there is a Super Bowl hangover, this team should start no worse than 3-1.

Secondly, cut the boys a break. Remember how euphoric you felt on Feb. 4? Or the elation of brushing confetti off your winter coat on Broad Street four days later? There have been fun bombs to relish all offseason – David Akers at the draft, the Super Bowl ring unveiling, Brian Dawkins at Canton.

Don't let the joy fade too quickly. And, while this is a whole new season, last year provided proof there's reason to have faith in Coach Doug and the guys.

So, ready to take the pledge? No booing for an entire year?

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Wentz, Ertz great fantasy options

It's not a bad idea to be a homer in your fantasy draft.

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We are officially heading into the third week of the NFL preseason, which means another step closer to the start of the fantasy football season.

All this month, football fans across the country are holding fantasy football drafts, with many hoping that their top picks pan out and get them to a championship.

One team in particular, who will have a couple of top-tier fantasy football players are the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles. Last year, the Eagles had numerous players that paid huge dividends in fantasy.

Quarterback Carson Wentz was a must-start QB1 option every week, along with tight Zach Ertz, and the Eagles defense. If you had any of three, there was a good chance that you were competitive in your respective fantasy football league.

Not to mention, wide receiver Nelson Agholor was a great waiver wire pickup. But what about this season? Who on the Eagles will have a big season fantasy football wise?

Zach Ertz will again be a strong option at tight end. GETTY IMAGES

Carson Wentz

If it weren't for a late-season ending knee injury, Wentz would've been named league MVP and probably the top-scorer in fantasy football. Last season, Wentz passed for 3,296 yards, 33 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Heading into this season, there were some concerns about the former second overall pick not playing in Week 1 against the Atlanta Falcons.

However, those concerns should be put to bed as Wentz split first-team reps on Sunday with Nick Foles. Do not hesitate to take Wentz early in your fantasy football draft, he is certainly worth the price of admission.

You cannot pass up on a quarterback that scored over 20 points eight times last season. 2018 Fantasy Projections: 318 completions, 3,730 passing yards, 26 passing TD's, 11 INT's, 276 rushing yards, 2 rushing TD's, 267.4 fantasy points

Zach Ertz

After you draft your quarterback, you need a reliable pass-catching target. This is where Ertz comes into play.

Fantasy wise, the former Stanford product was a must-start every week, scoring 128 fantasy points. Coincidentally, each season that Ertz has been in the NFL, his production and fantasy numbers have increased. 2018 Fantasy Projections: 76 receptions, 848 receiving yards, 6 receiving TD's, 122 fantasy points

Mike Wallace

There is a slight possibility that Jeffery might begin the regular season on the PUP list as he is still rehabbing from torn rotator cuff surgery. If this is the case, then you might be inclined to draft Wallace.

With Jeffery maybe on the shelf for a considerable amount of time, there will be opportunities for Wallace and the other wide receivers to contribute.
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Drug Companies Fear Release Of New $2 Sex Pill For Older Men

Men in clinical trial see huge boost in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity without side effects.

NEW YORK - It's hard to believe that in America today an affordable pill that could improve the sex lives of millions of men is in danger of being yanked from the shelves. And it's just because big drug companies fear for their profits.

The pharmaceutical industry is desperately trying to stop shipments of the remarkable new "JackedUp" pill.Big Pharma is worried because men are reporting increased sex drive, stronger erections and more stamina - all without the side-effects and $40-per-pill price tag associated with drugs like Viagra. Clinical results show men feel these benefits within just a few weeks of taking JackedUp's active ingredient.

The pill, made for men over 50, was released early last month. Despite Big Pharma's efforts, sales have already exceeded expectations.

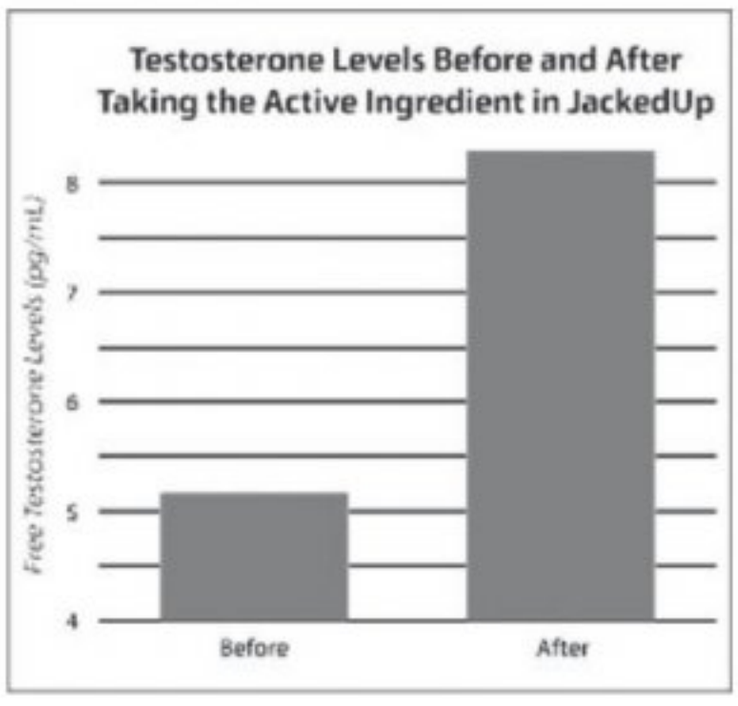
> ***"If you're over 50** and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. **Drug companies do NOT want men to know about this afforable new pill..."***

Exciting Benefits

There are very good reasons why sales are booming and drug companies want it gone. Apart from costing just two dollars per daily dose, the clinical results confirm JackedUp's active ingredient is very impressive. It greatly boosts a man's ability to get and keep erections. Stamina during sex also improves.

The product also has a unique ability to help men feel more passion, desire, and sex drive. These impressive benefits come from boosting testosterone levels by up to a whopping 193%. Doctors are astounded by its effects.

Why do drug companies want this pill stopped? Since the "JackedUp" pill is natural, drug companies can't patent it (like they did with Viagra) and make big profits. Plus, if you're over 50 and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. If you can safely boost your testosterone, *you won't need their expensive pills*. That's the very reason big business is trying to have it pulled from the shelves.



Strong Clinical Results Worry Big Pharma

Recent clinical trials on JackedUp's active ingredient have made the drug companies more desperate. The trial results were published in major medical journals, and doctors are now recommending JackedUp to patients.

The testing was done on men 40 – 65 years old, and the results were remarkable. The men who took the active ingredient in JackedUp reported major improvements in their sex lives. Their ability to get and keep erections went up by over 200%. Libido and sex drive surged. Even staying power and stamina during sex more than doubled!

Head of product development, Dave McNeill, said the big drug companies weren't worried at first. "They didn't care because the active ingredient can take a few weeks before many men really feel the benefits. But these awesome clinical trials really got their attention. They're learning A LOT of men will wait a few weeks if it means avoiding negative side effects and saving money."

How It Works

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Doctors Speak Out

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Big Pharma Worried: Older men are having better sex after taking the newly released $2 pill called JackedUp. Clinical trials show active ingredient triggers surge in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity in older men.

Dr. Laguna-Bedia, a specialist in internal medicine says, "A lot of men think their lack of interest and inability to perform are simply parts of aging. This is just not true. JackedUp can help these men regain a healthy appetite for sex and the physical ability to perform."

"JackedUp works by boosting key male hormones without side effects. The benefits of these hormones to sexual health are well known, but they actually do more than that. Men also report more energy, less body fat and higher motivation," said Dr. G. Pereira, a renowned surgeon in Florida.

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Special Opportunity for Our Readers

Drug companies are fighting hard to get rid of this product. This is making inventory disappear fast. Thankfully, a special discounted supply has been reserved for Metro Philadelphia readers. But only for those who call within the next 48 hours.

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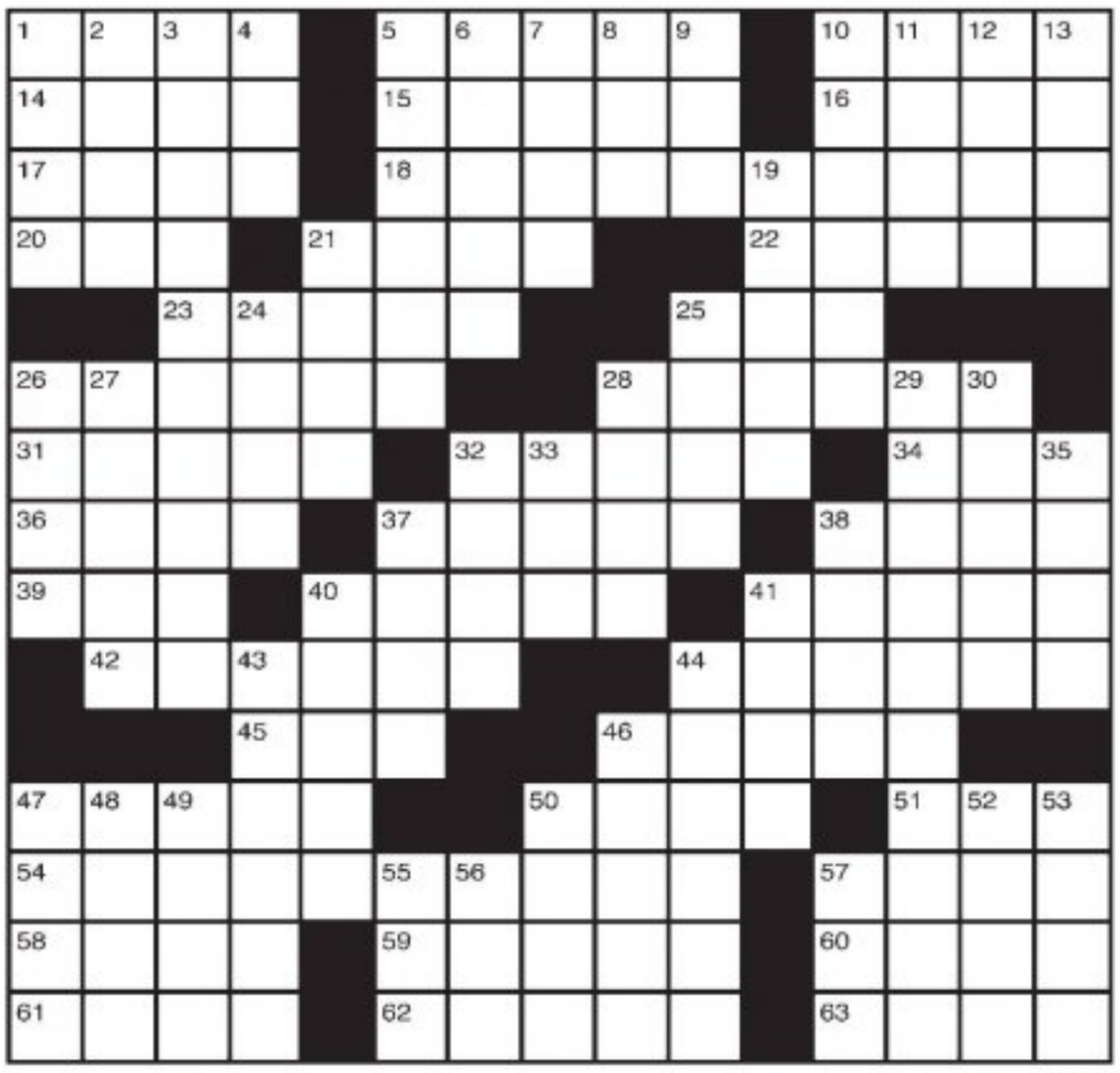

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31 Clay brick
32 Series of links
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38 Phi __ Kappa
39 Samuel's mentor
40 Unfamiliar; strange
41 Less adorned
42 Strategic ploy
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46 Helpful lift
47 Run __ of the law; commit crime
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59 Lacking enough funds
60 Listen
61 BPOE folks
62 Out of __; irritable
63 Get a glimpse of

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